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Dear Mr. Smathers:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 29, 2011, sent to Courtney L. Wilkerson, the former USDA Chief FOIA Officer, and subsequently received by Joseph Tangredi, USDA FOIA Service Center on November 30, 2011. Mr. Tangredi referred your request to the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) by e-mail on February 3, 2012. You are requesting records concerning: 1) Mr. Artie B. Spencer, a former USDA employee as a NACC Poultry Grader, Consumer Marketing Services, Poultry Division, Springdale, Arkansas; 2) Audrey Vernice Spencer, wife of Mr. Spencer, related to a conflict of interest involving Tyson Foods around the period 1965 to 1967; 3) Tyson Foods where records concern bribes, potential bribes, et al; and 4) Donald John Tyson a/k/a Don Tyson, where the records concern bribes, potential bribes, et al.

Your request has been assigned **FOIA No. 2012-AMS-01468-F**. Please reference this number on all correspondence and inquiries to AMS concerning this request.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the status of your request, please contact the AMS FOIA Service Center at (202) 720-2498, by fax at (202) 690-3767, or e-mail [AMS.FOIA@usda.gov](mailto:AMS.FOIA@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Valerie L. Emmer-Scott", is positioned above the typed name.

Valerie L. Emmer-Scott  
AMS Freedom of Information Act Officer